



Department of Parks

BONFIRE POLICY



NATIONAL PARKS SYSTEM PERMIT NO: _____

National Parks System Bonfire Permit for Bonfire activities in the Bermuda National Park System are regulated by the Bermuda National Parks Act 1986, 2009 & 2017 Amendments and The Bermuda National Parks Regulations 1988 & 2018.

Please draw your attention to the following rules

- Bonfires must not take place at John Smith’s Bay, Port Royal Cove, Jobson’s Cove or West Whale Bay Beach.
- Bonfires must be housed in or on a metal apparatus (e.g. a metal barbeque).
- Bonfires must be continuously under the care and direction of a competent adult; 16 years or older.
- Bonfires must be held on beaches only.
- Bonfires must only be held on the beach listed on the special permit.
- Only utilize dry wood for bonfire use (e.g. drift wood).
- **The use of fully assembled pallets as a burning platform is strictly prohibited.**
- No glass bottles are to be burned or disposed of in the bonfire.
- Bonfires must be thoroughly extinguished and properly disposed of at the conclusion of the period granted by the permit.

STEPS TO EXTINGUISH BONFIRE:

1. Allow wood to burn completely to ash and/or cool embers.
2. Continuously flood with water until hissing sound stops, then stir ashes and embers with a shovel until apparatus is cool enough for safe handling (this step may need to be repeated several times).
3. **DO NOT BURY THE FIRE PIT** as the fire may continue to smolder and possibly reignite causing potential harm to self, others and surrounding environment.
4. Once cool enough to handle, remove metal apparatus and place next to the nearest Parks trash bin.

PERMIT AGREEMENT

I, the permit holder, (*print name*) _____, have read and agree to abide by the above set rules and regulations regarding Bonfires in Bermuda’s National Parks. I understand that failure to abide by the above rules and regulations may result in legal action in conjunction with The Bermuda National Parks Act 1986, 2009 & 2017 Amendment Acts and The Bermuda National Parks Regulations 1988 & 2018.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Authorized Officer Name: _____

Authorized Officer Signature: _____

Date: _____

****PLEASE SUBMIT ALONG WITH A SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION!****